

SPORT NEWS

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Life Sketches of Yankee Challengers For Davis Tennis Cup

Following are brief biographical sketches of the men comprising the American tennis team which is playing in Christchurch, New Zealand, today, in the international tournament for the Davis cup:

W. A. Larned—Born December 30, 1872, at Summit, N. J., where he still resides. Height, in tennis shoes, 5 feet 10½ inches. Weight, 170 pounds. In 1892 he won the intercollegiate championship and was the runner up at Newport for the national championship. He was runner up in the national also in 1894, 1895 and 1896, losing the final matches to M. F. Goodbody, F. H. Hovey and R. D. Wrenn, respectively.

He served in the Spanish war and this took him out of the game for some time, but in 1901 he captured the national from Beals Wright in the final and took the title of champion of America through the defeat of Whitman. In 1902 he successfully defended his title, defeating R. F. Doherty in the challenge match.

In 1903 H. L. Doherty won the Newport tournament and challenged for the title and won it in a close match. In 1904 he reached the semi-final of the national championship and was there beaten by W. H. Clothier. In 1905 he reached the same round and was beaten by his present teammate, Beals C. Wright. In 1906 he lost to Karl Behr in one of the early rounds of the national, but in 1907 he became the American champion once more and has easily retained it ever since, beating in succession the following challengers: Beals C. Wright 1908, W. H. Clothier 1909, T. C. Bundy 1910 and Maurice McLoughlin 1911.

Larned's other important wins have been many. He won the Longwood annual championship, considered the second in importance only to Newport, no less than twelve times. The Middle States tourney has been taken by him six times and he has never lost in any tourney to any player outside the highest class during the past ten years. Larned suffered many defeats during the early part of his career, but his ability and persistence appear to have established him very firmly in the first place among American tennis players. Contrary to the general impression he is not yet quite thirty-nine years of age and his game

apparently is better now than ever before.

Maurice E. McLoughlin—Born January 7, 1890, at Carson, Nev. Residence, San Francisco. Height 5 feet 10½ inches. Weight, 165 pounds. Commenced to play in San Francisco, 1903, and won many junior events before 1907, when he won his first open tourney, the championship of San Francisco. This title he has successfully defended each year since that time until the present tourney, which he is obliged to default on account of absence. He won the Pacific States championship, 1907 and 1911; The California State championship, 1908, 1909; Ojai Valley championship, 1911; Bay Counties championship, 1907, 1908, 1910; Alameda county championship, 1909; Coronado Country Club championship, 1909, 1910; Long Beach championship, 1910; Northwestern States, 1909; Pasadena open tourney, 1910; Southampton, 1910; Intercollegiate championship, 1909; Western States championship, 1911. In 1910 he won the Longwood tourney and was defeated in the challenge match by Larned. In 1911 he won the national tourney, but was once more defeated by Larned in the challenge match.

McLoughlin won both his singles matches in the contest with the visiting English team in the preliminary of the Davis cup and his rating this year among the tennis players of America is number 2.

Beals C. Wright—Born in Boston in 1879 and resides there. Height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 180 pounds. Won his first event in the Harvard intercollegiate in 1898. In 1901 was runner up in the national championship at Newport, losing to Larned in the final. In 1905 Wright won the American championship from Holcomb Ward, but in 1906 he was beaten in the challenge match by Clothier.

In 1908 he won the national tourney, but was beaten by Larned in the challenge match. Wright's list of tournament wins is a very long one, including the Massachusetts State, tri-state, New England States, Southampton, Mannheim, Seabright, Knolwood and Crescent A. C. Club championship, and many of these events have been won by him three or four times.

Beals Wright has been selected for every Davis cup team since 1905, though he was unable to make the trip in 1909.

HILLO WILL CELEBRATE NEW YEAR WITH ELABORATE SPORT PROGRAM

The New Year's celebration at Hilo will take the shape of horse-racing and athletic events. Felix Brughehl has the racing end of the festivities in hand and announces the following program:

Event 1.—Half mile, Hawaiian bred; purse, \$150.

Event 2.—One mile heats, two in three; free for all pacers; purse, \$500.

Event 3.—For the most graceful lady rider; first prize, \$25; second prize, \$10.

Event 4.—One and one-quarter mile; free for all; purse, \$1000.

Event 5.—Half mile, for ponies fourteen hands and under; purse, \$50.

Event 6.—Three-quarter mile, Hawaiian bred; purse, \$250.

Event 7.—Three-quarter mile, free for all; purse, \$500.

Event 8.—Half mile, Japanese ponies; purse, \$50.

Event 9.—Half mile, free for all; purse, \$250.

The entries are satisfactory and the outlook is for a fine day's sport.

In the mile and a quarter race the

entries are Major Collier, by W. DeCoto; Spring Ban, by John O'Rourke, and Salomika, by Dan Carey.

It is expected that some smart Hawaiian-breds will make their debut at the meeting.

In addition to the above program there will be two special races in the shape of a luma's race and a gentleman's race.

On Sunday there will be an Association football game in which players from Hakalan, Pepeekeo and Honoumuli will play the Hilo eleven. On the same day there will be a game of baseball between the Moheau team and the Chinese Athletic Club's nine.

As usual, New Year's will have its boxing match. It will take place at the Hilo Athletic Club hall on January 1, at 8 p. m., and Ben de Mello, the veteran pugilist, and a man named Kimball, from Arizona, who is said to be an experienced man with the gloves, will furnish the main event, a go of fifteen three-minute rounds.

There will also be a couple of good preliminaries.

BARRY SEEKS TO PREVENT WOODWARD FROM RUNNING

Sergeant Edgar S. Barry, the man in charge of the sports being arranged for the entertainment of the fleet, is greatly put out at the announcement that Woodward of the Colorado has refused to run for Barry at the Molokai grounds tomorrow afternoon, giving as a reason the fact that he is matched to take part in a one-hour endurance race to be decided at the Athletic Park on Sunday.

Barry has worked hard to give the men of the fleet all the athletic diversion possible and is naturally annoyed at the fleet champion's refusal to take part in his program arranged for tomorrow afternoon.

According to "Soapbox" Barron, manager of Soldier King, he, Woodward and King have hired the Athletic Park for Sunday afternoon for the purpose of the King-Woodward race, the consideration being \$50.

Barry stated this morning that either Woodward would run for him at the fleet sports tomorrow afternoon or not at all. He expressed his intention of laying the facts of the matter before the fleet authorities today and was confident that the sailor would not run at the Athletic Park on Monday, even if it were necessary to put him in the brig in order to prevent his doing so, unless he ran at Molokai tomorrow afternoon.

PALZER NOW LEGITIMATE WHITE HOPE

NEW YORK, December 29.—Al Kaufman took the count in the fifth round of his fight with Palzer last night.

Kaufman has not been seen in the ring in any important engagement since decisively beaten by Jim Flynn. Al Palzer was the winner of Tom O'Rourke's recent "white hope" elimination tournament decided in New York. He and Tom Kennedy fought ten rounds in New York last month. Kennedy easily had the earlier rounds, but Palzer, with his rushing, tired Kennedy.

In the tenth round Palzer rushed at the bell to try for a knock-out, but Kennedy carried the fight to him, and with a hard right hook to the head, followed by a left swing to the jaw and right to the pit of the stomach, caused Palzer to cover up.

Palzer's weight was announced at 202 pounds.

His defeat of Kaufman will give his stock a tremendous boost, and by virtue of it both he and Tom Kennedy will loom large in the fistie firmament as legitimate "white hopes."

FLEET HALF MILERS MATCHED

At the Athletic Park on Sunday afternoon, just prior to the one-hour endurance race between King and Woodward, there will be a half-mile race for the championship of the Pacific fleet, between Farren of the Colorado and Anderson of the West Virginia.

Both these men are speedy over the "880" and both have issued challenges to local runners. They will run for a purse and a side bet.

The race should be a good one and it will be interesting to see if the long-standing Hawaiian record of 2:08, held by Deverill, will be broken.

Tomorrow afternoon at Molokai Jim Fitzgerald will take part in a half-mile open event and will make an attempt to lower the existing local figures.

The mile challenge walk between Jackson and Ayres will be decided at Molokai at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Jackson has been training for this race and has made good time over the distance. On his showing in the Kalakaua avenue walk he is conceded to have at least an even chance of winning tomorrow.

THE BIG GAME.

The intercollegiate football game next Monday between the Town team and the U. S. S. Maryland eleven will take place at Alexander Field, commencing at 3 p. m., and not at the Molokai grounds, as stated.

SOLDIERS IN TRACK MEET

The following are the results of a track meet held yesterday at Fort Ruger:

100 yards—Shoup, 159th, first; Sobozak, 159th, second. Time, 19:31.

220 yards—Shoup, 159th, first; Sobozak, 159th, second. Time, 24:02.

Wheelbarrow race—Sergeant Jones, 159th, first; Parker, 105th, second.

Equipment race—Corporal Lawrence, 105th, first; Gurnan, 159th, second.

High jump—Shoup, 159th, first; Danaher, 159th, second; tied at 6.1, Shoup winning the toss.

Shoe race—McCandless, 159th, first; Goff, 159th, second.

Relay race—159th team winner. The teams: 159th—Shoup, Irwin, Ornetas, Sobozak; 105th—Figs, Shurbrook, Danaher, Price.

Sack race—Ornetas, 159th, first; Smith, 105th, second.

One-mile race—Flagott, 105th, first; Danaher, 105th, second; Ornetas, 159th, third.

Tug-of-war—Won by 105th team. The 159th company were the victors, securing six firsts and four seconds.

Sergeant Turner captained the winners and Corporal Lawrence the 105th.

It was Fort Ruger's fourth annual track meet.

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WHAT'S DOING

Baseball.

Dec. 30.—Colorado vs. West Virginia, Molokai, 3 p. m.

Dec. 31.—All-Hawaii vs. West Virginia, Barry's Beauts vs. Colorado, Molokai, 1:30 p. m.

Tennis.

Dec. 27-31.—Y. M. C. A. indoor junior tournament.

Dec. 30.—Gullid cup final, Manoa courts, 3 p. m.

Polo.

Dec. 30.—Colonel's Cup contest, Leilehua.

Soccer.

Jan. 1.—Malles vs. High School, Healanis vs. Kams.

Pedestrianism.

Dec. 30.—Fleet sports, Molokai, 2 p. m.

Dec. 31.—One hour endurance race, King vs. Woodward, Athletic Park, 3:30 p. m.

Jan. 1.—15-mile open race, 10:30 a. m., Molokai.

Intercollegiate Football.

Jan. 1.—Honolulu vs. Maryland.

Dec. 29.—South Dakota vs. West Virginia, Alexander Field, 3 p. m.

Racing.

Jan. 1.—Hilo meeting.

Boxing.

Dec. 30.—U. S. S. West Virginia's bouts.

Golf.

Jan. 1.—Country Club tournament.

SPORTDRIFT

Next Thursday evening a meeting will be held in Cooke hall, Y. M. C. A., of members interested in the formation of a bowling league.

A contest for the bantamweight championship of the Pacific fleet will be decided on the Government wharf next Thursday evening. The contestants will be A. L. Short of the South Dakota and M. E. Lusk of the California. There will be some interesting preliminaries.

This afternoon at three o'clock the football teams of the South Dakota and West Virginia will play a game on Alexander Field.

It is likely that only one soccer game will be played by the league teams on New Year's Day.

Miss Alice Cook has offered a trophy for a mixed foursome tournament to be played at the Oahu Country Club Saturday, January 6. The tournament will be a handicap medal play affair.

On New Year's Day on the Country Club's links there will be a handicap match play bogey tournament. It will be for men and the eighteen holes may be completed either in the morning or the afternoon. Entries will be received at the clubhouse at ten o'clock in the morning and one-thirty in the afternoon.

A flag tournament may be played by the Country Club golfers in the near future.

Play for the President's golf cup will commence on the links of the Country Club next month. It will continue through the year on the third Saturday and following Sunday of every month. The conditions are handicap medal play and the man having the best score at the end of the year is declared winner of the trophy.

The Oahu College track team, will commence training after the holidays. Will Morgan is captain and Ricker will act as coach.

BIG LUAU FOR THE FLEET

Next Tuesday at 7 p. m. seventy baseball players of the fleet, a team from each ship, will be entertained to a real old-fashioned Hawaiian luau at the residence of Mrs. Puahi, Kapiolani Park.

The luau will be spread under the supervision of Mayor Fern and during the feast Hawaiian dancers dressed in hula costume will render the national dance and delight with vocal and instrumental music.

Besides the sailors there will be seated at the festive board the All-Hawaii and Barry's Beauts, the two premier nines of the Territory.

Sergeant E. S. Barry will head the table and ask the blessing. It is mainly through his instrumentality that the luau is to be given.

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CALIFORNIA POLO STAGE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., December 9.—Southern California may become the scene of the international polo matches to decide the world's championship for next year. A movement has been started with that end in view, and, strange to say, it has come from India.

Colonel Cook Behar has written to Major Colin G. Ross, secretary of the Coronado Country Club, and one of the best polo players in western America, stating a desire to come to America, to play in the international matches, but regretting the necessity of traveling almost 17,000 miles with ponies and team members and then playing in a climate and at a time of the year when the weather is so cold that the players would not be at their best.

PRINCE HENRY BIPLANE BUILDER. BERLIN. December 14.—Several newspapers assert that Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the emperor, who holds an aerial pilot's certificate, with Dr. Max Predeohl, former burgomaster of Hamburg, is organizing a company to manufacture biplanes on the system invented by Max Certe. The capital of the company is said to be \$125,000.

According to estimates made in Washington, almost 1,000,000 women will be eligible to vote for president of the United States in 1912. These women are to be found in the six western states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, which have granted equal suffrage.

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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR MIKE GIBBONS

From the way New York writers are praising the work of Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul welterweight, the boy from the Twin Cities must be a real tough-notcher.

The exchanges containing full accounts of Gibbons' setto with Walter Coffey are just to hand, and all the New York scribes are a unit in declaring that Gibbons is the best piece of fighting machinery seen in Gotham in many a year.

One writer says that Gibbons is just as clever as Young Griffo was, and has as good a head as Joe Gans had when he was the champion. Nearly all the writers rave over the work of Gibbons, and when one finds such unanimity of opinion among New York scribes it can be taken to mean that Gibbons is no slouch with the gloves.

Gibbons has had three fights since he arrived in New York, and he has beaten each of his opponents handily. Gibbons' last victim was Walter Coffey, the Californian, and though Coffey outwitted the St. Paul man by at least ten pounds, he never had a look-in, according to the way the New York fans looked at the affair.

Gibbons is described as being as fast as "Packey" McFarland and a much better hitter. Here's what one scribe has to say of Gibbons:

"No fighter, not since the days when Terry McGovern was keeping them over one after the other in jig time, has been spoken of so much as Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul boy, who came here about a month ago, unheralded, unsung, and in no way known to the boxing fans of big New York. A storm could not come from out of a clear sky and shock the populace with surprise as much as did this fellow the sporting fraternity of New York. Now the folks who were sitting by mourning for the old days of the Kid Lavigne, the Joe Wolcotts, the Kid McPartlands, and the like, have shown themselves of their weeds and are singing the praises of the 23-year-old youth from St. Paul.

"Only three fights has the boy had in New York, and yet so neatly did he perform each task he set out to do that he could not have failed to be proclaimed the wonder of the boxing age. The pity of it all is, who is there for him to fight now? So absolutely did Gibbons establish his class in the bouts he has had, here that it seems almost impossible to find a man who can put up a good fight with him. But let's say here that if Gibbons was matched with any fair man he could draw a big house. He's a picture to look at. No matter how far off he may beat a man, his every action is a picture that is adored by the man who appreciates the development of the art.

"They are talking of matching him with Frank Klaus, the Pittsburgh middleweight, and it is to be hoped the bout is arranged. Klaus, we do not believe, would make even as good a showing as did Walter Coffey, but he may be stronger and better able to stand up under the grueling that would be dealt him. He would surely make a fine piece of work for Gibbons to uncover a few more of his ring tricks."

MATT WELLS NEAR DEATH

NEW YORK, December 9.—Word was received from London today to the effect that Matt Wells, the English lightweight champion, is dying from erysipelas. He is being attended by three specialists, who consider his chances of recovery poor.

While in this country recently Wells defeated Knockout Brown, Cross, Attell and others, and returned to London only after he failed to come to an agreement with Al Wolgast or Packy McFarland for a fight.

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